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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

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SIR:

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-29, 31, 32, 35, 36 and 39 are canceled; claims 30, 33, 34, 37 and 40-42 are amended; and claim 38 is maintained.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.